

NURSING, ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE

The Maurine Church Coburn School of Nursing offers an Associate in Science degree in nursing. It is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) and approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing (BRN). Completion of this program allows graduates to take the National Council Licensure Exam (NCLEX) for Registered Nursing. Graduates are prepared for entry-level RN positions. The curriculum provides hands-on experiences with a variety of healthcare populations, including geriatrics, medical, surgical, obstetrics, pediatrics, and psychiatric/mental health. Due to space limitations, completion of program prerequisites does not guarantee admission to the program. All of the following are considered when screening applicants:

- Academic degrees
- Grade point average in relevant prerequisite coursework (all courses require a letter grade)
- Life experiences or special circumstances
- Relevant work, volunteer experience or healthcare certification
- Proficiency or advanced coursework in a language other than English

Once selected, applicants must successfully complete a pre-entrance readiness test (and remediation plan if indicated) in order to be admitted. Once selected for the program, students must comply with additional program requirements such as health screen, background check, drug screen, and proof of immunizations. The cost of these requirements is the responsibility of the student and is explained in detail at mandatory new student orientation.

LVNs/LPNs who seek advanced placement into the second or third semester of the program must qualify by completing program prerequisites; for third-semester placement must also successfully complete a placement examination and performance-based preparation plan (LVNs/LPNs may also request to be admitted under the Board of Registered Nursing Regulation 1429, the 30-unit option, which does not confer a degree). Advanced placement is available only as space permits.

An accelerated first-semester course is also available to selected applicants with previous education in the field of nursing, including military education and experience, who qualify by the multi-criterion selection process.

Contact the Counseling Department or the School of Nursing for more detailed program information. The following is the contact information for the program's accrediting and approval bodies:

Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing

3390 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 1400
Atlanta, GA 30326
Phone: 1-404-975-5000; Website: <http://www.acenursing.us>

California Board of Registered Nursing

P.O. Box 944210
Sacramento, CA 94244
1747 North Market Blvd., Suite 150
Sacramento, CA 95834
Phone: 916-322-3350; Website: <http://www.rn.ca.gov>

Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the program, students will be able to:

- Provide safe and effective nursing care to patients in a variety of clinical settings using Standards of Competent Performance and in accordance with California statutes and regulations outlined in the Nursing Practice Act.
- Formulate the plan of care to incorporate evidence-based practice.
- Integrate concepts of growth and development to enhance patient-centered care for diverse and dynamic patient populations.
- Utilize technology to effectively communicate, manage knowledge, prevent errors, and support decision making.
- Coordinate activities as a leader within the interdisciplinary health care team to advocate for patients, families, and communities.

Associate in Science Degree Major Requirements

Code	Title	Units
Prerequisite Courses (Requires letter grade) ¹		25-26
MATH 263	Intermediate Algebra and Coordinate Geometry (or higher math course (4-5)) ^{2,3}	
ANAT 1	Human Anatomy with Cadaver Lab	
BIOL 25	Applied Microbiology Lecture	
BIOL 26	Applied Microbiology Laboratory	
ENGL 1A	College Composition	
NURS 100	Pharmacology for Nursing	
PHSO 1	Human Physiology	
PHSO 2	Human Physiology Lab	
PSYC 25	Lifespan Development	
Additional Requirements		
<i>Communication Skills</i>		3
Select one course from the following:		
SPCH 1	Public Speaking ⁴	
SPCH 2	Small Group Communication	
SPCH 3	Interpersonal Communication	
<i>Humanities ²</i>		
Select one course from MPC General Education Requirements list, Area C.		3
<i>Social Sciences</i>		
Select one course from the following:		3
SOCI 1	Introduction to Sociology ⁴	
Any one course in the following disciplines from MPC General Education List, Area D: ANTH, ETNC, GWOS, SOCI		
<i>Information Competency ^{2,5}</i>		
Nursing Core Courses		
NURS 52A	Nursing I	8.5
or NURS 54 & NURS 55	Nursing I Accelerated and Applied Foundations of Nursing	
NURS 204	Supervised Nursing Skills Lab I	0.5
NURS 52B	Nursing II	8.5
NURS 205	Supervised Nursing Skills Lab II	0.5
NURS 52C	Nursing III	9.5
NURS 206	Supervised Nursing Skills Lab III	0.5

NURS 52D	Nursing IV	9.5
NURS 207	Supervised Nursing Skills Lab IV	0.5
Total Units		72-73

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Nursing students who hold a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college may not be required to complete additional general education units or coursework other than prerequisite courses and nursing courses required specifically for the nursing program. See nursing program counselor or Director, School of Nursing.

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Required for MPC graduation but may not be required for the nursing program of study if the student has a prior baccalaureate degree.

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MATH 16 recommended

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Recommended for BSN Transfer.

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Students must complete the Information Competency Graduation requirement (LIBR 50). However, students who complete NURS 52A and NURS 52B or NURS 52B and NURS 54 will meet the equivalency for MPC graduation.

Advanced Placement LVN Students Only

Qualified Advanced Placement LVN students may not need to take the following courses:

Code	Title	Units
NURS 52A	Nursing I	8.5
NURS 52B	Nursing II	8.5
NURS 100	Pharmacology for Nursing	2
PSYC 25	Lifespan Development	3
Total Units		22

Advanced Placement LVN students **only** must also take:

Code	Title	Units
NURS 65	Nursing Role Transition	3
NURS 65L	Nursing Role Transition Lab	1
Total Units		4

Please refer to the graduation requirements section of the Catalog for information about degree and certificate requirements including Reading and Writing, Mathematics, Information Competency, and General Education requirements.